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THERE is lately publiſhed a pamphlet intitled, *The religious, rational, and moral conduct of* MATTHEW TINDAL, L. L. D. *late fellow of* All Souls *college in* Oxford: *by a member of the ſame college.* As the Doctor was once an illuſtrious member of our Society, we thought ourſelves obliged about a year ago to give a particular account of his famous *Will and Teſtament*, bequeathing in one legacy of 2100 l. to E. BUDGELL, Eſq; above 700 l. more than he died worth. To ſet the character of this *learned, great*, and *godlike* man, as his grateful heir has frequently repreſented him, in a more conſpicuous light, we ſhall now preſent our readers with ſome remarkable particulars extracted from the piece above-mentioned; the author of which declares himſelf at the beginning 'fully 'arm'd againſt all the fiery darts, which the Doctor's diſ'ciples and followers ſhall be able to pelt him with'.

The Doctor was born in the weſt of England; and deſcended, for ought I know, of a very good family. At his firſt coming to Oxford he was entered at Lincoln, from whence he afterwards removed to Exeter-college. From Exeter he was in the year 1678 elected one of the fellows of All-ſouls college. Here he continued for ſeveral years, without being taken notice of for any thing particular, beſides a ſort of canine appetite: which ſometimes occaſion'd a good deal of real mirth; and ſometimes, when his juniors were pretty ſharp ſet, no more than the ſhadow of it, with a juſt and well-grounded indignation at the bottom. The fellows of All-ſouls always dine, and ſundays and thurſday nights ſup, upon whole diſhes; ſuch of them as are in college, allowing equally for the expence which thoſe diſhes amount to above their ſtated commons: ſo that the Doctor, having but few ſeniors, or elſe poſting himſelf at one of the lower tables, had the privilege of helping himſelf either firſt, or before a great many others, and as the phraſe is of *cutting them out*. I ſaw him once in particular ſeat himſelf at the Batchelor's table, where there was a neck of veal of a tolerable ſize: he cut off all the beſt part of it, and picked the bones, till there was not the leaſt appearance of a bit of meat, leaving the young gentlemen at the ſame table nothing but the ſcrag end. Upon which, Mr. WEST, now miniſter of Putney, a facetious gentleman, gave his plate to one of the ſervitors, ſpeaking with a loud voice, 'Pray, Sir, give my humble ſervice to one of the gen'tlemen at the maſter's table, and deſire him to ſend me 'a ſlice of mutton; for here's nothing to be had, we 'have got Dr. TINDAL among us'.

At another time, the Doctor being by accident ſenior of the hall, and a pig being carried to the head table by his order, the reſt of the fellows ſhifted for themſelves at the other tables, and left him to dine by himſelf. Before the hall roſe, Mr. LLOYD, an unlucky wag, goes up to him, and told him he was ſorry to ſee that he had no ſtomach. The Doctor anſwered with a ſigh, that he had not been well for ſome time, and could not eat as he uſed to do. Whereupon Mr. LLOYD turning up the ſkin, which the Doctor had not touched, found it to be no more than a covering to two heaps of bones very cleanly picked. 'Pray, gentlemen, ſays Mr. LLOYD to 'the reſt of the fellows, be ſo kind as to come hither, 'and ſee what a rogue of a manciple we have got here, 'and what an impudent trick he hath put upon the 'Doctor; he hath ſent him up the skin and bones of a 'pig only, and compelled him to dine with duke HUM'PHREY'. Upon this the upper part of the hall was full both of company and mirth; and the Doctor took his hat, and with a God-damn-ye, or two, left them to their further diverſion.

This method of ſponging upon, and eating up other people, not only once or twice, or ſo, which might paſs for a frolick or humour, but whenſoever he had an opportunity, which was as ſoon as he had any number of Juniors, ſhewed a poor ſcoundrel ſpirit, as well as a diſregard to commmon honeſty, and eſpecially when he grew to be both old and rich. If the Doctor's ungodly carcaſe could not be ſatisfied without an uncommon quantity of food, yet I know no reaſon that can be aſſigned either from the Chriſtian religion, or that of Nature, for compelling other people in ſuch a brutal manner to be at the expence of it. No man can be guilty of ſuch a practice that is not a man of no principle, and void of the very loweſt degrees of what we call civil and humane.

In this manner the Doctor lived, diſtinguiſhed by nothing but the inſatiableneſs of his belly, till the reign of king James II. Tho' he was a man of good tolerable ſecond-rate parts, that little learning which he had got in his younger days was not only not improved, but almoſt loſt. Mr. JOHN SILK, his amanuenſis, when he wrote his famous book, entitled *The Rights of the Chriſtian Church*, who knew him the beſt of any body, declared, That his whole ſtock of learning was no more than the gleanings of a few modern books, and a great many pamphlets; eſpecially ſuch as had been written againſt the church of England; and a common-place book of whatever he had heard from any man in converſation that had the luck to pleaſe his fancy. Mr. SILK, for the truth of what he aſſerted concerning the Doctor's ſmall ſtock of learning, appealed, in my hearing, to the 101ſt page of *The Rights*; where, ſaid he, there is a little Greek, and ſome doubt ariſing about the accenting of it, it remains unaccented to this day. For he never took upon him to correct the Doctor's blunders, or to make good his deficiencies; and therefore did not interpoſe in this great piece of criticiſm, which hardly the moſt thick-ſkull'd ſchoolboy could be puzzled at.

Notwithſtanding this great worthleſſneſs and want of merit, the Doctor was not without a moſt reſtleſs ambition to raiſe himſelf in the world. As to his religion, he was, at leaſt in profeſſion, a zealous high church-man, till betwixt 30 and 40 years of age. But as ſoon as K. JAMES was endeavouring to bring Popery into the univerſity of Oxford, our worthy Doctor abjured the Proteſtant faith and communion, merely out of hopes of preferment. For there was no danger of his loſing his fellowſhip, neither had the ſociety any conteſt with the king, like that at Magdalen college. —— It is ſayed, that in one or other of his pieces he has aſſerted, that he was naturally led into this error by the principles of high-church. But if the Divines of the church of England, when the Doctor made ſhipwreck of his faith, did, without any regard to the ſenſeleſs diſtinction of high church and low church, make a bold and reſolute ſtand againſt Popery; I can't ſee how his diſciples can bring him off from the imputation both of knave and fool, for changing his religion to get preferment, and making ſuch a ſilly apology for ſo doing. None of the clergy in the univerſity complied with the iniquity of the times, excepting a few, who, being thought to have been that way inclined for ſeveral years, were marked out for diſſembling hypocrites, ſuch as OBADIAH WALKER, and Mr. STONE; and none of the laity, excepting a few infamous wretches, ſuch as Dr. TINDAL and Mr. FARMER. This latter was ſo notorious a debauchee, that having been nominated by king JAMES, in his firſt *Mandamus*, to the vacant preſidentſhip of Magdalen college, he was, upon a repreſentation of his lewd life, even dropt by the court.

Such as ſhewed themſelves ſo great lovers of this preſent world, as to ſerve Mammon rather than their God, were juſtly made the butt and ſport of the wits and wags of the Univerſity, and the jeſt and ſcorn of the ſerious and grave part of it: and this, without doubt, gave occaſion to all that dull Billingſgate, by way of revenge, which is to be met with in *The Rights*. The worthy Doctor in 1708 was called upon in print, to ſhew *how* and *when* he had again embraced the reformed religion, and renounced the idolatrous errors of the church of Rome: but this continues a ſecret to this very day. —— To return to the church of England with any ſhew of zeal and ſincerity, he knew was in vain; his being a deſerter on ſo baſe a principle could not fail of procuring him a very cold reception, and occaſion a conſtant jealouſy. This foul blot upon his character, which could never be got out, had a quite different effect upon him from what it ought to have had upon an ingenuous mind; that is, to take ſhame upon one's ſelf, and ask pardon both of God and man. He therefore in outward ſhew, conformed to the church as before; for thus much the keeping of his fellowſhip required; nor was he ſo angry with Univerſities as to throw it up, but continued to eat the founder's bread to the laſt moment of his life. He came to chapel juſt often enough to ſave his diſtance; and in compliance with the ſtatutes of the college received the ſacrament as often as required. I have ſeveral times received it with him myſelf; when he behaved with the ſame external ſhews of decency that others did. But his calling the holy communion *conjuration*, and the *grace-cup*; and the offertory, only *paying his club*; was ſuch a ſhocking piece of rudeneſs, as no modeſt infidel would have been guilty of.

The Deiſts aſſert, that 'tis their duty to find out and to publiſh what is pleaſing to God, that both themſelves and others may be able to put it in practice. Suppoſing then, that the Doctor was no more than a deiſt, and that he was really ſuch; yet was not the very outward joining in a worſhip, which, according to his principles, was falſe and ſuperſtitious, a prevaricating with God, and putting tricks upon men? If the clergy could have allowed themſelves in ſuch pitiful and low arts of diſſimulation (what if I call it Jeſuitiſm?) a great many of them might have eſcaped priſons and fires, and thoſe other perſecutions, which the furious and blind zeal of their perſecutors layed upon them. If the ſincerity of our unbelievers be ſo great, that they dare not even to hide or conceal their principles; it muſt certainly follow, that they never ought to diſſemble them upon any account whatſoever. —— 'Tis in vain to alledge, that there can be no diſſimulation, as long as repeated intimations are given, that their compliance with ſuch acts of religion is only for form's ſake; and that they mean no more by it, than by complying with the common forms of viſiting. Becauſe thoſe intimations, whether by books, or otherwiſe, fall chiefly among the learned, or among unbelievers, but rarely reach the common people; who, as long as they ſee our great wits give themſelves the air of humble Chriſtians, take jeſt for earneſt, and are thereby encouraged to continue in the belief of what their *Bibles* and their prieſts have told them. When I ſee an infidel in a church or chapel, and even at the communion-table, to qualify himſelf for holding a place; I can't forbear coupling him with thoſe honeſt men the Gnoſticks, who, as S. EPIPHANIUS tells us, made it lawful for men, in caſe of perſecution to forſwear their religion; alledging, that it was caſting of pearl before ſwine, to expoſe themſelves to danger before the heathen governors. But what need of many words, ſince the Doctor expreſsly owns ſuch compliances to be unlawful in his *Rights*, pag. 235?

The Doctor was too reſerved and cunning to profeſs himſelf a deiſt in an explicit and open manner; yet was deſirous, that the generality of mankind ſhould take him for ſuch. In ſome companies he would acknowledge the being of a God, and urge the creation as a proof of it; and yet ſpeak very doubtfully of the interpoſition of providence. But in other companies, where he thought he could make free, he uſed to endeavour to make the notion of a God ridiculous. He uſed to argue upon this head in the following manner. There can't be two Infinites: the notion which we have of God is, that he is an infinite being; and if any ſuch being be ſuppoſed, it will follow, that there muſt be infinite ſpace for him to be or ſubſiſt in: and then it muſt follow, that there are two Infinites, which is a contradiction. In this ſilly ſophiſtical manner did this vain man endeavour to argue the Almighty out of his exiſtence. But here lies the fallacy, pitiful as it is: ſpace is obtruded upon as a being; whereas, when applied to God, it is only a mode or attribute. A man might as well make infinite mercy, or infinite juſtice, or any other attribute of the Godhead, an argument that there is no God, as infinite ſpace. Which is what the naturaliſts call a *vacuum* or void; that is, nothing in itſelf, but room to contain whatſoever it ſhall pleaſe God to place in it, as he hath the heavens and the earth, and whatſoever belongs to them ſince the beginning of the creation. —— The Doctor's atheiſtical principles were ſo well known in college, that he could bear to be reproached for them in public company without the leaſt appearance of reſentment. Particularly once, on *All-Souls day*, our grand gaudy or feaſt-day, a ſtranger, that ſate at the table where the Doctor was, happened in the heat of diſcourſe to let fly an oath, for which he was reproved by one of the fellows in the following manner: 'Pray, Sir, don't ſwear; here's Dr. TINDAL, who 'does not believe in God, and he'll be affronted'. To which the Doctor made no reply.

Dr. SEDGWICK HARRISON, late profeſſor of hiſtory in the Univerſity, one of the Doctor's diſciples, went one day, with ſome others, to wait on him, being then in a very ill ſtate of health. 'Doctor, your humble ſer'vant, ſaith the profeſſor, we are come to ſee how you do. 'Pray how is it with you? I thank you, Sir, reply'd the 'Doctor, for your kind viſit; and as to my health, I be'lieve I am a dying man. Are you, Sir, ſaid Dr. HAR'RISON, and what do you think will become of you? Why 'you'll as certainly be damn'd as you are now alive'. Upon this the Doctor imagined, that ſuch as were indeed his

diſciples, only pretended to be ſo, by way of ſneer and banter, and was really in as great an agony, as the gaoler in the *Acts of the apoſtles*, Ch. xvi. when he cry'd out, *Sirs, what muſt I do to be ſaved?* But inſtead of recommending faith and repentance, HARRISON fell a laughing at him, as a poor puſillanimous old wretch, that was afraid of his own ſhadow.

Our bleſſed Saviour hath told us, that we muſt not expect to *gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thiſtles*; and we muſt not expect the product of atheiſm to be very agreeable to the rules of ſtrict morality. He was publickly reprimanded by the ſociety of All Souls, as an *Egregious fornicator*. And he was ſo far from being aſham'd of having baſtards upon baſtards, that he declares incontinence in ſingle perſons to be one of the rights and liberties which God hath allow'd us by the Law of nature, *Chriſtianity as old*, &c. *pag.* 119. —— But, however, tho' we ſhould allow, as the Heathen world did, of the common ſtews, or a communication with ſuch lewd women as are already debauch'd, yet it will be acknowledged to be a barbarous and vile action in Dr. TINDAL, to endeavour to debauch a young gentlewoman of a creditable family on the road betwixt Oxford and London. The young lady found herſelf ſo hardly beſieg'd, that ſhe privately deſir'd an elderly gentlewoman that was in the company to exchange chambers with her, leſt her own, which the Doctor had got intelligence of, ſhould be forc'd in the night. Her ſuſpicions were not ill grounded; for when the family were in bed, the Doctor came to the door, where he ſuppos'd to have found his prey: but the good matron told him, That his plot was defeated; that there was nobody in the room beſides herſelf; and that he had nothing to do but to return to his own lodging.

But if we ſhould be ſo liberal to the infidel and debauch'd part of the world, as to yield that the Doctor had done nothing amiſs, tho' he had carried his point with this young gentlewoman, provided it had been done by the conſent of both parties; yet, ſurely, if a child had been the conſequence of ſuch a piece of gallantry, and the Doctor had perſuaded her to lay the infamy of begetting it, and the charge of keeping it, at another man's door, which could not be done without the utmoſt injuſtice, and moſt terrible perjury; what deiſt, nay, what modeſt atheiſt would not give him up as one of the moſt abandon'd villains in the world? And even thus much the Doctor was capable of, as appears by more inſtances than one. The firſt of theſe (if not both of them) is juſt hinted at by Dr. COCKMAN, in his *Preface* to his *Sermons* on *Acts* iv. 12.

Dr. TINDAL having perceiv'd that one of his nymphs was in her pregnancy, had prevailed on her to lay the child to another gentleman. In order to which, ſhe waited on the vice-chancellor, and deſir'd to be put to her oath. The old gentleman deſir'd her to conſider of the ſacredneſs of an oath, and the great and irreparable injury that might be done by ſwearing to an innocent perſon. When he found her obſtinately perſiſting in her allegation againſt the gentleman ſhe had named, who it ſeems had been privately ſent for, and directed how to act his part, the vice chancellor ask'd her, 'Child are you 'ſure that you know Mr. ——? She anſwered, that ſhe 'was, and could diſtinguiſh him from ever ſo great a 'company'. Upon this, he open'd a parlour door, which diſcover'd ſeveral gentlemen with their hands behind them, for the perſon accus'd had two thumbs upon one of his hands. This ſtratagem immediately defeated her deſign, and ſhe fell down upon her knees and confeſſed, that Dr. TINDAL was the real father of the child, and that what ſhe had done was by his perſuaſion and direction. The ſtory is ſo well known in Oxford to be true, that to produce vouchers for it, is to light a candle to the ſun.

The other is, I ſuppoſe, of earlier date; but it has, however, the credit of a canon reſidentiary, who was one of the ejected demys of Magdalen college to ſupport it. The Doctor got a wench to ſwear one of his children to a gentleman of that college, altogether as infamous at that time as himſelf. The gentleman was oblig'd to ſubmit and maintain the child: nevertheleſs after ſome time he got into the company of the mother, and ask'd her how ſhe came to uſe him ſo, ſince ſhe could not be ignorant that he was never concern'd with her in the manner that ſhe had ſworn. Her anſwer was, 'that Dr. TINDAL had got her with child, and prevail'd 'on her to ſwear as ſhe had done. Well then, my Dear, 'replies the pious reprover, I deſire you to be ſo juſt to 'me as to let me get another, and that you would ſwear 'it to him': which was immediately a bargain, and ſtrictly executed in all its branches.

I cannot report any thing certain concerning the Doctor's behaviour in his laſt ſickneſs; but a perſon of quality, of an advanced age, told me, he was informed, that he departed with a ſort of prayer or ejaculation, in theſe words, *If there be a God, I deſire him to have mercy upon me.*

And now to conclude, I think I may juſtly ſay of him, as he does of the clergy of this church, in his *Rights*, *pag.* 145. 'That *his* life might ſerve for a very good 'rule, if men would act quite contrary to *it*, for then 'there's no Chriſtian, (and I may add, no moral) vir'tue, which they could fail of obſerving.' And certainly the youth of our nation ſeem to deſerve the diſcipline of Bedlam, if they will be ſo much out of their wits as to follow (as they are led) ſuch a notorious and bare-faced factor for the Devil, a debauchee, a renegade, an atheiſt, (who, according to his own doctrine, in *The Rights*. *pag.* 18. can have no conſcience) a wretch that for the ſake of his vices made ſhip-wreck of a good conſcience firſt, and his faith afterwards; and at laſt became like the *trees* in St. JUDE's Epiſtle, *twice dead, plucked up by the roots.*

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *White-hall Evening Poſt*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 16. We hear that Dr. Green, organiſt of St Paul's cathedral, is appointed maſter of his majeſty's band of muſick. *P.* —— Yeſterday he was ſworn in. *DA.*

Mr. Ferne, maſter corker of Woolwich-yard, is made maſter corker of Chatham; and Mr. Stow, maſter boatbuilder at Sheerneſs, ſucceeds Mr. Ferne. *DP.*

Near Warkworth in Northumberland an eagle has been ſhot of a prodigious ſize, meaſuring three yards and three quarters from the extent of the wings. *DP.*

A few days ago a Scotchman, who calls himſelf Capt. Wheeler, was committed to Durham gaol, for inliſting men for foreign ſervice, under pretence of his being a gentleman of a large eſtate, and hiring them as husbandmen to improve his land. *DP.*

The number of ſchools in Scotland belonging to the ſociety for propagating Chriſtian knowledge, are at preſent 221, at which are upwards of 4100 ſcholars. *DA.*

Married, on monday, Geo. Whiteſield, Eſq; to miſs Bentley, only daughter of Sir Walter Bentley, of the county of Suſſex, Knt. *P.* —— On tueſday Mr. Stamplear of Poland-ſtreet to miſs Ravel of Golden-ſquare, a young lady of upwards of 20,000 l. fortune. *P.*

Died, at Hodſdon, the hon. lady Oxenden. *DP.*—— Relict of Sir James Oxenden of Wingham in Kent, Bar. uncle to Sir George. *DA.*

On monday a wherry was overſet near Brantford, and four perſons drowned. *C.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 17. We hear his majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. the earl of Balcarres, one of the 16 peers, to be colonel of a regiment of horſe in Ireland, lately Price's. *C.*

Laſt week the rev. Mr. Clarke was inſtalled a prebendary of Lime and Halſtack, in the cathedral church of Sarum. *C.*

Mr. Webb, a clerk in the India-houſe, was yeſterday appointed treaſurer to the Eaſt-India company, in the room of Cha. Dubois, Eſq; who has reſign'd on account of age. *DP. DA.*

We hear, that Joſhua Ward, is about purchaſing a piece of ground behind Buckingham-houſe, to erect an hoſpital for ſick perſons. *DJ. DA.—Incurables, I ſuppoſe.*

On wedneſday ended the ſcrutiny of the poll for common-council-men for Billingſgate ward, when Mr. Gregory had a majority of Mr. Hayward by 19; and Mr. Penſax of 28 againſt Mr. Jackſon. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the ſeſſions began at the Old Bailey. *C.* &c.

Died major Garth at Jamaica ſoon after his arrival. *DP. DJ. DA.*

Laſt wedneſday night the body of Mr. Eedes, a noted and wealthy cowman in Tothil-fields Weſtminſter, was drove on ſhore at Weſtminſter-bridge: he had been miſſing two months. *P.* —— About 6 weeks. *DJ. DA.* —— He had in his pocket 2 guineas. half a crown, and 5 pence. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 18. His majeſty has been pleaſed to order 600 l. to be paid out of the Exchequer, for defraying the expence of the paſſage of 100 poor proteſtants to the colony of Georgia. *DP.* —— His majeſty has approved of a plan for rebuilding the row of ſtables on the eaſt and weſt ſides of the Mews, [Meuſe] as thoſe are at the north ſide. *P.* —— *'Tis hop'd it will be better executed.*

Yeſterday the board of Admiralty iſſued an order for all ſea men and others belonging to his majeſty's fleet, to return forthwith on board their reſpective ſhips. *P.*

On wedneſday Sir Miles Stapylton, Bar. knight of the ſhire for the county of York, had a great levee in Charles-ſtreet, St. James's-ſquare, there being near 100 members of the Houſe of Commons. *LE.*

Laſt wedneſday night his excellency the Spaniſh embaſſador, count Montijo, open'd his aſſembly at Powis houſe, the great apartment up one pair of ſtairs, was finely illuminated; there were ſeveral rooms for cards; one for a fine concert, where the famous Farinelli ſung; another for a magnificent ſupper, to which twenty of the firſt quality only were invited; and after ſupper, in another room, there was a moſt beautiful deſert [deſſert] ſet out. There were refreſhments of all kinds for the whole company. *LE.*

There was a very numerous and grand appearance on thurſday night at the maſquerade in the Hay-market. The collation was extremely ſplendid, and every thing conducted with the utmoſt good order. Amongſt other humourous figures, two very remarkable perſonages appear'd there, one equipt like a Merry-andrew, and the other like Punchanello, the former clearing the way, and diſpoſing the company for Punch's wit, whilſt the latter diſpers'd bills amongſt the company, of a puppet-ſhow of ſeven-acts, to be open'd on thurſday next near Weſtminſter; the joke of which, like all Punch's jokes, was low, ſtale, and ſtoln, and every way in character. *DA.* —— *Tho' this* joke was low and in character, *it might be never the worſe for that: but how does it appear that it was* ſtale and ſtol'n?

Yeſterday two ſerjeants of the 2d regiment of foot guards, fought a duel in Hyde park, wherein one of them was wounded in ſo deſperate a manner, that his life is deſpaired of. *C. DJ.* —— *It is pity theſe gentlemen ſhould kill one another, merely for want of* military employment.

Died, on ſaturday in Duke-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, in her 29th year, Mrs. Squire, a maiden gentlewoman of 2000 l. per ann. the major part of which (being the laſt branch of the family) ſhe has bequeathed to her woman. *P.* — On tueſday at the Bath, the right hon the lady Charlotte, wife to John lord Delawar. *DA.* —— This is a miſtake. *DA.* 21. —— Yeſterday ſuddenly, at her houſe in Hanover-ſquare, the right hon. the lady Landſdown. *C. P.* —— About 12. *DA.*—Taken ill about 7, and died about 1. *DJ.* —— About 3. *DP.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 20 Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Biſcoe preached before the king, prince, and the princeſſes Amelia and Carolina; and the rev. Dr. Hutton before the queen, the duke, and the princeſſes Mary and Louiſa. *DJ.* —Her majeſty continuing indiſpos'd with the gout, *DA.*

This being the anniverſary of the birth-day of his royal highneſs the prince, who enters into his 29th year, their majeſties, &c. will receive, &c. *DP.*—Into his 28th. *DA.* ——*This was fulfilled.* C. &c. 21.

On wedneſday laſt at his excellency's the count de Montijo's, the numerous appearance of ladies of beauty, quality and dreſs, made it one of the moſt brilliant aſſemblies ever ſeen; 'tis computed that there were upwards of 600 perſons preſent, all of the firſt diſtinction. *DA.*

Mr. Vincent Bourne is appointed to ſucceed Tho. Ward Eſq; as houſe-keeper to the hon. houſe of commons, as alſo to be deputy-ſergeant at arms. *P.*

In the dreadful hurricane of the 8th inſtant, the fine grotto at the ſeat of Tho. Scawen, Eſq; at Carſhalton in Surry, was in a great part ruin'd: ſeveral hundred trees were blown down in his park, &c. this whole damage is computed at 3000 l. and upwards. *DA.*

On ſaturday morning between 4 and 5, a fire broke out at the Two brewers a cabinet maker's in Tooley-ſtreet, which conſumed the ſaid houſe. *P.* —— On friday night. *DP.*——Two brewers alehouſe: a young man belonging to the houſe periſhed in the flames. *DJ.* —— 'Tis fear'd that one of the apprentices is burnt. *DA.*

Dover, Jan. 17. Our accounts from Calais ſay, that two Britiſh ſhips were forced on ſhoar near that place, and ſtranded. *P.*

On ſaturday the ſeſſions ended at the Old Baily, on the Middleſex ſide, when 4 perſons received ſentence of death, *viz.* Eliz. Ambrooke, for the murder of her baſtard child; William Williams *alias* Fawkner, for ſtealing a ſhew-gleſs value 27 l. Jane Heberd, for breaking open a houſe, and ſtealing plate, &c. value 10 l. and Eliz. Stephens. for robbing Mary Todd on the highway, to the value of 4 l. 16 s. *C. AD.*

Married. on thurſday the lord Dillon, colonel of an Iriſh regiment in the ſervice of France, to the hon. miſs Dillon, daughter and ſole heireſs to the late lord Dillon. *DA.*

On wedneſday night the 8th inſtant, Mr. John Weſt a farmer at Acton. was blown off his horſe into a pond in Tyburn field, and drowned: he has left a wife and 4 ſmall children. *DP.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 21. We hear that the parliament will be adjourn'd on thurſday next for a ſhort time. *DA.*

Laſt night the corpſe of the earl of Bradford was interred in Weſtminſter-abbey. *DP. DA.*

Yeſterday the ſeſſions ended at the Old Baily for the London ſide, when two perſons received ſentence of death, *viz.* Ralph Jones, for ſtealing a ſilver tinkard value 5 l. and Mary Owen, for robbing her maſter of 22 l. *DA. DP.*

Married, yeſterday at Windſor, Will. Pocock, of Oxfordſhire, Eſq; to miſs Ravenſcroft, a beautiful young lady with a fortune of 5000 l. *DP.*

Died, on ſunday, at Deptford, Geo. Harvey Eſq; a gentleman poſſeſſed of an eſtate of 700 l. per ann. *P.*

On ſaturday night a ſervant of Sir Joſeph Eyles fell from the ſhafts of a cart, and the wheels went over his body, and killed him on the ſpot. *C.*

On ſunday night a poor woman was found hang'd, ſitting in her chair by the fire ſide, in Wormwood-ſtreet near Biſhopſ-gate. *C.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 22. On the birthday of his royal highneſs the prince, her majeſty appear'd in the drawing-room, being wheel'd thither in a chair. —— The hon. Miſs Vane gave the ſame day a ſplendid entertainment to upwards of twenty ladies of quality, at her houſe in Groſvenor-ſtreet, which was follow'd by a fine concert of muſick, and afterwards an elegant ſupper. *DA.*

We hear that his excellency Horatio Walpole, Eſq; is not expected in town till ſome time next week. *DP.*

Yeſterday there was a hearing before the right hon. the lord chancellor, upon a petition for a commiſſion of lunacy in relation to a certain noble earl; but his lordſhip appearing in court in all the appearance of health and underſtanding, the lord chancellor diſapprov'd the petition. *DA.*

At Orchard-Windham in Somerſetſhire, the ſeat of Sir Will. Windham, Bar, the late high winds tore up 127 trees by the roots, ſome ſo large that they were valued at near 30 l. each. *DP.*

Died, a few days ago, the moſt noble lord James Lyon earl of Strathmore. *P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

SIR,

I AM not vain enough to expect your paper ſhould be open to every triſle I am at leiſure to ſend you. Take the following Verſes for your own entertainment, from

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Jan. 20, 1734-5, and humble ſervant, U. C.

ANNA AURIACA *Paritura.*

Optemus licèt, ut naſcatur maſcula proles
NATSAVIO, ſcimus vota valere nihil.
Hoc exoremus: ſit ut alma puerpera ſalva;
Matrive & par ſit fœmina, maſve patri.

In Engliſh.

That prince or princeſs firſt may prove
The happy pledge of mutual love,
Whate'er we wiſh, it's either way
(Since 'tis determin'd) vain to pray.
But if kind heav'n will ſpare the toot,
And like the parents make the ſhoot,
Europe will bleſs the womb, that bare
A boy like him, or girl like her.

Since our laſt we have received three *Letters*: the firſt ſigned A.G. B.G. C.G. D.G. the ſecond, PHILOHIPPOCR. and the third, DEMOCRITUS.

Dublin, Jan. 11. James Hamilton, Eſq; and his lady were overturned in a chaiſe, as they were croſſing a river near Caſtlecomer, and both drowned. *P.* 20. —— *Jan.* 14. This morning died the right rev. Dr. Hen Downes, biſhop of Derry. *P.* 21.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 16. A great number of villages about Bruges have been laid under water by the overflowing of the rivers. *P.*

Since the ſtorm of the 8th inſt. for 4 miles ſpace, on the coaſt of Flanders, nothing but wrecks and dead bodies are to be ſeen; and it is believed, there were not leſs than 400 of the latter. *DJ.* —— 15 ſhips of divers nations, have been caſt away on the coaſts of Catalonia and Valencia. *DJ.*

We learn from Spain, that the famous treaty of Seville was conſum'd in the late fire at Madrid. Her Catholick majeſty was at firſt under ſome confuſion, and propos'd a great reward for ſaving it; but after a little conſideration, her majeſty found the loſs of no great conſequence, Don Carlos being now in a condition to do pretty well without it. *DA.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 17. Some accounts from Paris mention, that in caſe a new campaign was begun, king Staniſlaus would employ his Poliſh army to make a diverſion upon the back of the emperor, whilſt France penetrated into Saxony, and carried her conqueſts very far up the empire. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 18. —— *Paris, Jan.* 19. It is ſaid, that part of Mr. P'Eſtang's inſtructions were to repreſent to the Ruſſian miniſters, that as the poſſeſſion of Ingria and Livonia had now put the two keys of the north into their hands, and made them abſolute maſters of moſt of, if not all, the material naval ſtores of Europe, England could not but look upon their acquiſitions in the Baltick with a jealous eye, and would undoubtedly take a proper opportunity, in conjunction with Sweden, Denmark, and Poland, to drive them out again. *DP.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 20. Letters from Paris inform us, that his majeſty declar'd on the 17th inſt. at ſupper, that he had created the duke of Biron, the marquiſs of Puyſegur, and the prince of Tingry, marſhals of France, ever ſince the 14th of June. *DA.* &c.

A woman at Rheims having had 9 husbands, bred up 26 children, and fill'd up the meaſure of her time with great induſtry, died there lately at the age of 102. She was attended to the grave by 153 ſons, grandſons, and great grandſons, many of the former going upon crutches, or led along blind, and born down with the weight of old age: ſhe had herſelf 8 brothers and 13 ſiſters, all of whom having made ſuch good uſe of their time, that the old woman was aunt and great aunt to upwards of 1000 people. *DA.* —— We have no mention of her female poſterity, which perhaps is numerous in proportion. *DP.*

'Tis remarkable, that the late great ſtorm which began to be violent here about 12 o' clock, did not riſe to any height in Holland 'till the evening, and then grew ſo terrible, that the like was never remark'd there. *DA.*

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